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Shuster Joins Calls to Cut Off Federal Funds for ACORN

Washington, D.C. – Today, **Congressman Bill Shuster** signed on as a cosponsor to the “Defund ACORN Act,” legislation to terminate all federal funding directed at ACORN and its affiliated groups.

“ACORN has been at the center of a growing controversy over charges that the group has orchestrated voter registration fraud and has engaged in other illicit behavior,” Shuster said. “The evidence continues to mount against ACORN and American taxpayers should be worried.”

Recent media reports including video of ACORN employees in New York and Washington, DC giving illegal advice to two filmmakers posing as a prostitute and a pimp prompted the U.S. Census Bureau to end its partnership with ACORN last Friday. Yesterday, the Senate voted 83-7 to cut off Housing and Urban Development funding slated for ACORN.

A recent analysis of federal data by House Minority Leader John Boehner found that ACORN has received over \$53 million in direct funding from the federal government since 1994 and may have received millions more in indirect funding through state and local grant programs.

“ACORN and its affiliates have demonstrated time and again that they are completely incapable of using taxpayer money in a responsible and legal manner. They should be investigated by Congress and the Justice Department and their funding should be cut off immediately.”

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